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Appl. No.: 09/909,597 **Confirmation No.:** 3291
Applicant: Emiko Sekimoto
Filed: July 20, 2001
TC/A.U.: 2822
Examiner: David E. Graybill
Docket No.: 075834.00095
Customer No.: 33448

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

SIR:

Applicants hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). The time to respond is thus extended to December 12, 2005. Applicant has included a check in the amount of \$1020.00 as payment of the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a).

In response to the Office Action of July 12, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.